



# Berwyn Heights Bulletin

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*Berwyn Heights Maryland Police  
Presents*

# Public Safety Night Out

*in*  
**AUGUST 3, 2021**  
*@ 7 pm*



*Chief Kenneth Guffis-Artist*



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## Operaciones del gobierno municipal de COVID-19

El ayuntamiento permanece cerrado al público. Departamentos de Administración y Cumplimiento del Código están trabajando en turnos en la oficina de la ciudad y de forma remota. La policía y las obras públicas están de servicio con personal completo.

- Reuniones públicas realizadas por videoconferencia, transmitidas en Comcast 71 o FiOS 12 y transmitidas en el sitio web;
- Las solicitudes de licencias y permisos deben enviarse al Departamento del Código por correo de los EE. UU. O enviarse por correo electrónico a [zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:zbell@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Inspecciones de alquiler suspendidas hasta nuevo aviso;
- Servicio notarial de emergencia realizado por BHPD en 5411 Berwyn Rd. Llame al 301-474-6554 para preguntar.
- Todos los pagos se enviarán mediante cheque por correo de USPS a 5700 Berwyn

## CoVID-19 Town Government Operations

Town Hall remains closed to the public. Administration and Code Compliance are working in shifts in the Town office and from home. Police and Public Works continue to provide services in person in a safe manner.

- Public meetings held by video conference, broadcast on Comcast 71 or FiOS 12 and streamed on website.
- Licenses and permit applications to be submitted to Code Department by US mail or e-mailed to [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov).
- Rental inspections suspended until further notice.
- Emergency notary service performed by BHPD at 5411 Berwyn Rd. Call 301-474-6554 to inquire.
- All payments to be submitted by check via US mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.

Check Town website for the latest updates  
<https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/>

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Survey

The Town Council wants to hear from you regarding how the estimated \$2.75 million in ARPA funding coming from the federal government should be spent in Berwyn Heights. Please take a minute to complete the survey and drop it off or mail it to Town Hall, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 Attn: ARPA Survey.

### The funding cannot be used to:

- Offset tax cuts or reduce taxes,
- Deposit into pension funds, rainy day funds (reserves),
- Funding debt service, legal settlements, or matching funds, or
- General infrastructure spending (such as streets, sidewalks, buildings) unless under revenue loss provision.

For more information about ARPA funding and how it can be used, see the minutes for the May 17, 2021, and June 21, 2021 Work

## Encuesta sobre la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARPA)

El Ayuntamiento quiere saber de usted sobre cómo se deben gastar en Berwyn Heights los \$ 2.75 millones en fondos ARPA provenientes del gobierno federal. Tómese un minuto para completar la encuesta y entregarla o enviarla por correo a Town Hall, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740 Attn: ARPA Survey.

### La financiación no se puede utilizar para:

- Compensar los recortes de impuestos o reducir los impuestos,
- Depósito en fondos de pensiones, fondos de emergencia (reservas),
- Financiamiento del servicio de la deuda, acuerdos legales o fondos de contrapartida, o
- Gasto en infraestructura general (como calles, aceras, edificios) a menos que se encuentre bajo la provisión de pérdida de ingresos.

Para obtener más información sobre la financiación ARPA y cómo se puede utilizar, consulte las actas de las sesiones de trabajo del 17 de mayo de 2021 y del 21 de junio de 2021.

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Survey

- 1) What are the top issues currently facing Berwyn Heights residents and businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 2) What strategies and/or actions would be most effective in meeting the needs of residents and businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- 3) How can the Town of Berwyn Heights address the harm caused by the pandemic?

## Encuesta sobre la Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARPA)

- 1) ¿Cuáles son los principales problemas que enfrentan actualmente los residentes y las empresas de Berwyn Heights en respuesta a la pandemia de COVID-19?
- 2) ¿Qué estrategias y / o acciones serían más efectivas para satisfacer las necesidades de los residentes y negocios en respuesta a la pandemia de COVID-19?
- 3) ¿Cómo puede la ciudad de Berwyn Heights abordar el daño causado por la pandemia?

Pick the top three areas where you feel help is most needed in Berwyn Heights:

- ☐ Housing Assistance
- ☐ Food/Nutrition
- ☐ Small Business Assistance
- ☐ Health or Mental Health Assistance
- ☐ Utility Assistance
- ☐ Access to the Internet/Broadband
- ☐ Stormwater/Drainage
- ☐ Hazardous Duty Pay to Eligible Town employees
- ☐ Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Elija las tres áreas principales donde cree que la ayuda es más necesaria en Berwyn Heights:

- ☐ Asistencia para la vivienda
- ☐ Alimentos / Nutrición
- ☐ Asistencia para pequeñas empresas
- ☐ Asistencia de salud o salud mental
- ☐ Asistencia de servicios públicos
- ☐ Acceso a Internet / Banda ancha
- ☐ Drenaje de aguas pluviales
- ☐ Pago por servicio peligroso a los empleados elegibles de la ciudad
- ☐ Abordar los impactos del cambio climático
- ☐ Otro \_\_\_\_\_

### OPTIONAL QUESTIONS/PREGUNTAS OPCIONALES:

Age	Gender	Ethnicity
Edad	Género	Etnia

Thank you for sharing your opinion. We'll be asking several times over the next couple of months and really appreciate your help.

Gracias por compartir tu opinión. Te preguntaremos varias veces durante los próximos meses y realmente apreciamos tu ayuda.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

[PublicWorks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:PublicWorks@berwynheightsmd.gov) TEL: 301-474-6897

## Feliz verano y algunos recordatorios:

### Barrido de calles

El barrendero estará en la ciudad del lunes 26 de julio al viernes 30 de julio. Estacione su automóvil fuera de la calle siempre que sea posible.

### Reciclaje electrónico:

**24 de julio, de 9 am a 12 pm**

Traiga sus materiales electrónicos reciclables al Departamento de Obras Públicas de Greenbelt en 555 Crescent Road. Consulte el [sitio web de Greenbelt](#) para ver los artículos electrónicos aceptados. También se acepta, bloquee la espuma de poliestireno n.º 6 y pinte a un costo de \$ 5 por contenedor. NO MEZCLE LA PINTURA.



## Enjoy the summertime & a few reminders:

### Street Sweeping

The street sweeper will be in Town Monday, July 26th to Friday, July 30th. Please park your car off the street where possible.

### Electronic Recycling:

**July 24, 9am-12pm**

Bring your electronic recyclables to Greenbelt's Public Works Department at 555 Crescent Road. Please check [Greenbelt's website](#) for accepted electronic items. Also accepted, block Styrofoam #6 and paint at a cost \$5 per container. DO NOT MIX PAINT.

**THERE ARE NO HOLIDAYS** this month so trash will be collected on a regular schedule. This link may be very helpful when you have questions or concerns about Public Works, such as trash days for your neighborhood, what we pick up, etc.: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>

## COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations continue to be widely available through hospitals, local health departments and pharmacies. Find a location near you with the:

[Prince George's County Vaccine Locator](#)

Las vacunas también están disponibles a través de hospitales, departamentos de salud locales y farmacias. Encuentre una ubicación cerca de usted en:

[Localizador de vacunas del condado de Prince George](#)



## STREET REPAIRS

We have begun street repairs in the town. The first phase will be repairing curbs and walkways that are needed and the second phase will include mill and resurfacing streets. They have begun with Goucher Drive and Nevada Street and will continue with Cunningham Drive and Quebec Place.



## Worksession Minutes June 7, 2021 | 7:00 pm

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to join the meeting via Zoom and comment by telephone and email.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegate Alonzo Washington, Quantum Corporation General Counsel Kap Kapastin, Matt Tedesco with McNamee Hosea, and Nat Ballard and David Sullivan with Rogers Consulting.

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey announced that the reopening from Covid-19 closures continues as hospitalization and case rates are declining. Everyone who has not already been vaccinated is encouraged to do so. While the Greenbelt Metro site has closed, many other options are available. Prince George's County's weekly vaccination bulletin has information about available options.

### Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by CM Brittan Powell and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the agenda was approved 5 to 0.

### Discussion Items

**Maryland Assembly legislative updates:** Mayor Dewey welcomed District 22 Senator Pinsky and Delegate Washington to give updates on the recently concluded legislative session.

Senator Paul Pinsky thanked the Council for the opportunity to provide a briefing on what was an unusual legislative session. Due to the pandemic, Senators had to be tested for the Covid-19 virus twice a week to be allowed onto the floor, where they were surrounded by a plexiglass booth and had to wear masks. All hearings were held virtually, and people were not allowed to come in for lobbying.

Senator Pinsky said legislators spent a lot of time discussing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the distribution of funds to alleviate the negative impacts from the pandemic on restaurants, small businesses and the unemployed. Further, the legislature passed a major educational initiative called the "Blueprint for Maryland's Future" which provides \$4 billion

above current funding formulas to implement universal Pre-K, and other early childhood programs. It also seeks to remediate students' learning loss resulting from virtual instruction during the Covid-19 pandemic. Additional money for tutoring and summer school was provided in a separate bill. Other important initiatives included a police reform bill and an election reform bill.

Delegate Washington greeted the Council from Virginia Beach, where he is door-knocking to help elect the first black and female governor in Virginia. He then gave a presentation on what is in the \$52 billion FY 2022 budget: \$21 billion to increase access to health care, \$9 billion for K-12 schools, \$7 billion for Colleges & Universities, including \$577 million for Historically Black Colleges & Universities, \$5 billion for transportation projects, and \$1 billion for fighting climate change. Prince George's County was given \$1.6 billion in direct aid, which includes a bond bill for improvements to the Berwyn Heights Senior Center.

Delegate Washington further highlighted the Maryland Relief Bill, which provides support for businesses and people impacted by the pandemic and creates an earned income tax credit for undocumented immigrants. The legislature also provided \$2.5 million to compensate businesses for the loss of income due to the construction of the Purple Line, and passed a landmark Police Reform & Accountability Act, which incorporated recommendations made by a Prince George's task force on police reform of which he was co-chair.

Senator Pinsky and Delegate Washington responded to Councilmembers questions:

At a May 18 Town Hall, Del. Washington and PGCPD CEO Goldson discussed the "Blueprint for Maryland's Future" initiative for community schools, ideas on how to use ARPA funds to improve education, free summer learning programs, and plans for the 2021-2022 school year.

Some ARPA funding is being directed to improve mental health services. Community schools seek to provide families with wrap-around social services, including health services as well tutoring focused on grades K-3 to ensure children can read and do basic math by grade 3.

Funding for police was not cut in the Police Reform bill, but Prince George's County directed \$22 million to open a new mental health center and another \$20 million to set up a mobile crisis unit to respond to calls for service, which will include a mental health professional.

**Beltway Plaza detailed site plan:** Mayor Dewey welcomed Beltway Plaza representatives Kap Kapastin, Matt Tedesco,

Nat Ballard and David Sullivan for an update on the Beltway Plaza redevelopment. Matt Tedesco, Attorney with McNamee & Hosea, reviewed the evolution of the detailed site plan (DSP) for Phase I of the redevelopment, comprising the parking lot in the rear of the mall. He said the redevelopment is scheduled to proceed in 5 phases, as laid out in the conceptual site plan approved in 2019. The preliminary plan of subdivision, approved in April 2020, created the parcels and their designated public uses, while testing the adequacy of public facilities. In October 2020, a draft DSP was submitted to M-NCPPC's Planning Department for pre-acceptance. Since then, developers have obtained input from various stakeholders. The plans are now moving through the Planning Department approval process. The first Planning Board hearing is scheduled for September 9.

Nat Ballard, Architect with Rodgers Consulting, presented the DSP for phase I construction, which will comprise 750 apartments, a 27,000 square foot recreation center, a 90-room hotel and 4 parking garages. The complex will integrate a variety of environmental sustainability features, including landscaped green spaces, on-site stormwater management and treatment, and energy efficient construction. Connectivity within the complex and to surrounding neighborhoods as well as clustered uses to preserve open space promote a more sustainable community. A trail planned for the eastern edge of the development was moved further west leading into the center of the community and passing through a park/events venue and by the recreation center. An 'art walk' and a landscaped plaza to accommodate outdoor events will be located along the northside of the AMC movie theater. Wayfinding and interpretative signage will be installed throughout the development.

Mr. Ballard said roads inside the development will have vehicle/bicycle shared use lanes and pedestrian walkways. New sidewalks will be installed along Greenbelt Road, separated from the roadway and parking lot by green strips and trees. Similarly, roadway improvements along Breezewood Drive will include sidewalks and tree plantings.

In discussion, the Beltway Plaza representatives responded to Councilmembers' questions:

A traffic study associated with the preliminary plan of subdivision studied traffic impacts on the intersections of Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane as well as other intersections affected

by the development. As a result, a trip cap was placed on the development. All intersections passed the adequacy test. But some improvements will be made. Mr. Tedesco will email the traffic study and highlight the proposed improvements.

No new traffic lights are proposed for roads going in or out of the development.

Improvements will include electric vehicle charging stations, 10 for each residential building as well as for 2 new parking decks, plus infrastructure to add more in the future.

New sidewalks along the northside of Greenbelt Road will include 5' wide green buffers on either side and will make pedestrian access from Berwyn Heights safer. Improvements are limited by existing leases with businesses located along the frontage. Improvements to crosswalks will be considered as well.

Redevelopment of Quantum properties on the Berwyn Heights side of Greenbelt Road (Staples, Money One) will not occur in the immediate future as redevelopment of Beltway Plaza is the first priority. The Money One property will soon have a Korean concept restaurant opening.

Energy efficient construction will include a LEED Gold certification for Building 1a. At the existing mall, all lighting fixtures now have LED bulbs, and HVAC system upgrades are also planned.

Two-lane roads within the development will be relatively narrow to slow traffic down to 15 mph, and bicyclists will have the right to use the full width of a lane. A few roadways in the center of the mall are restricted to bicycles and pedestrians.

Mayor Dewey thanked Beltway Plaza for keeping Berwyn Heights informed about the development.

**Reopening discussion:** Mayor Dewey invited Councilmembers to discuss how the Town should go about reopening its facilities and services and asked TM Allen to give an update on the Senior Center reopening last week. TM Allen said the reopening went well. Everyone wishing to frequent the Center was asked to register and indicate on a form whether they are vaccinated and to release the Town from any liability. In addition, they are requested to sign a log and take their temperature when they enter the Senior Center. The process was put in place to comply with a Prince George's County requirement that Senior Centers be open only to vaccinated seniors.

TM Allen continued that Town Hall is still closed although staff is working in the offices on a rotating basis, providing services by phone and email. Similarly, the Police station is open on a restricted ba-

sis, with residents being asked to call for an appointment. However, residents that turn up at the offices without an appointment have been helped. Having received inquiries as to why the offices have not reopened, TM Allen explained that the Town is following CDC and OSHA guidelines to keep staff and customers safe. Not all staff are vaccinated and therefore everyone is encouraged to keep wearing masks and remain socially distant.

In discussion, TM Allen answered Councilmembers' questions.

Generally, she intends to reopen facilities in a gradual fashion and assess how the reopening of Senior Center is working before opening the Love Room and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Town Center. Once the facilities are open, Town organizations can decide whether to meet in person or virtually.

The Town office may initially be opened for walk-ins for 2 days a week. This would leave time to perform additional cleaning.

The Town Center elevator has passed inspection and need not be a factor in deciding when to reopen the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. However, the Town plans to replace the elevator with funds from the State bond bill it received this year because it has become unreliable and often stops working when events are being held. Director Hall and TM Assistant Odoi have begun to look for State or local government contracts onto which the Town could piggyback. The time for installing a new elevator might take several months but could take longer, if the Town has to spec the elevator itself and go out to bid.

It was suggested to hold off on reopening the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor until the elevator has been replaced or otherwise to post instructions on what to do if the elevator doors get stuck.

There ensued discussion about resuming in-person Council meetings. TM Allen advised that the fire code sets the Council Chamber capacity at 15 people. The decision when and how to resume in-person meetings is up to the Council. A hybrid model might be considered to start with, i.e. holding a combination of virtual and in-person meetings. Retaining a virtual meeting would make it easier for guests to participate and give presentations. The following points were made:

- When the Council resumes in-person meetings, no one should be turned away when attendance has reached capacity. Everyone should have full access and the same opportunities to speak.
- In-person meetings could be held on the Town Center 2nd floor, which has a higher capacity limit.
- Some residents who attended in-

person meetings regularly before the pandemic currently do not have access to meetings because they cannot or do not wish to participate virtually.

- In-person meetings could be held on a trial basis in July and adjustments made, as needed.
- If meeting in person, a waiting room could be opened for overflow participants who could be rotated in.
- The Council has a responsibility to keep everyone safe and should be cautious about holding in-person meetings too soon.
- The Council also has a responsibility to lead people out of the pandemic. Waiting until everyone is comfortable has its own drawbacks.

If it is decided to wait to meet in person, a time for reassessing the situation should be set.

Mayor Dewey clarified that Councilmembers appear to reference two different hybrid models: 1) holding one virtual and two regular meetings per month; and 2) holding in-person meetings but with a virtual participation option. The latter would require TM Allen to look into the technical feasibility of enabling virtual participation during in-person meetings. Council agreed to wait to make a decision on resuming in-person meetings until TM Allen can report back on the technical feasibility of this option. A low-tech alternative might be to have residents, who do not wish to participate in person, to call in on the conference phone.

Mayor Dewey noted that Town organizations can now request holding events with the Town office. Events will be approved or denied based on the restrictions currently in place. National Night Out, held under the auspices of Berwyn Heights Police, is currently planned to be an in-person event.

**PGCMA budget:** Mayor Dewey explained that the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) at its last meeting presented a budget that was not balanced due to a proposed pilot program to be paid from the fund balance. The Council is requested to weigh in on how Berwyn Heights should vote on adopting the PGCMA budget.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the FY 2022 budget includes 2 items that are not in the current budget, a Zoom account and an administrative assistant to handle social media. The assistant would be hired under a one-year pilot program. Member cities have expressed concern about there being no revenue stream if the as-

sistant position is kept after the pilot year. The PGCMA board was supposed to send out an updated budget to show how the position would be funded in the future, but so far none has been received. The Council agreed for Mayor Dewey to send a message to the PGCMA treasurer indicating the Town's interest to know how the assistant position would be funded. It is hoped this may trigger an updated budget to be sent.

**Town-wide cleanup (added item):** CM Brittan-Powell said the Town used to schedule a special refuse collection day after the Town-wide yard sale to pick up any unsold yard sale item residents wanted to dispose of. The cleanup was held to coincide with a free tipping day at the County landfill, which has since been abolished. He asked the Council to give consideration to re-establishing the Town-wide cleanup and pay for the disposal.

In discussion, it was noted that the last Town-wide cleanup occurred 5 or 6 years ago. If the Town were to resume a cleanup day, the cost of doing so should be determined first. Mayor Dewey suggested a possible alternative, i.e. publicizing recycling or donation options for unsold yard sale items instead of disposing them at the landfill. The Green Team and/ or Recreation Council may be interested in exploring a partnership with non-profits such as the Habitat for Humanity Restore, to organize a pickup day following the yard sale. It was agreed to publish recycling options in the e-newsletter this year and explore a partnership for collecting yard sale leftovers next year.

### Department Reports

Mayor Dewey announced several items of interest to be discussed at the upcoming Town meeting and the latest changes in Covid protocols, including the lifting of a mask mandate at the County level. However, businesses may continue to require masks in their establishment. Unvaccinated persons are encouraged to wear masks and to get vaccinated. BHPD will host another Coffee with Cops this coming Friday and several Councilmembers will attend the MML in-person conference later this month, and with others will attend the virtual conference in July.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that she attended a virtual MML webinar on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Residents should watch for surveys and other ways in which the Council will solicit input as to how this money should be spent. She also attended a PGCMA meeting at which the FY 2022 budget and Covid reopening plans were topics of discussion. Upcoming opportunities for public comment include a community conversation on re-envisioning the Paint Branch Golf Course on June 15, a comment period running from May 20 to August 12 for the managed lane study of I-270 regarding the setting of toll rates, and a

meeting on the Prince George's Cultural Arts Study focused on the Latino community on June 9. Further, the PGCPSC school boundary initiative has entered phase II and solicits comments on a draft boundary scenarios report. Input can be given via [an online survey or explore tool](#).

CM Papanikolas announced that following the reopening, unemployment benefits will end on July 3, including for independent contractors. TM Allen reported that she had 6-7 people come out for her meet-and-greet and that Melanie Friesen has been hired as the new Town Clerk to replace Clerk Harper, who is retiring. Ms. Friesen has been the Treasurer for the Town of Cheverly as well as back-up Town Clerk.

CM Brittan-Powell noted that a property on Ballew Avenue the Town might be interested in acquiring has put up a 'for lease' sign. The Council may at some point want to look into the possibility of assuming the authority with neighboring jurisdictions for issuing building permits, as the County's process is cumbersome. CM Papanikolas added that College Park has been studying the issue with a report due to come out in the fall that has been supported by the Town.

CM Sweep announced that the street sweeper will be in Town the week of June 14. Public Works is aware of a litter problem at Lake Artemesia Park and is working with M-NCPPC's Parks & Recreation Department to remedy it. Mayor Dewey added that Park & Planning has reduced the number of trash cans in the park because its equipment has trouble accessing some of them and to reduce its carbon footprint. They could have done a better job communicating their plans. The Town is encouraging them to get different equipment, but in the meantime, everyone is requested to carry their trash out.

### Resident and Community Comments

There were none.

On a motion by MPT Kulpa-Eddy and second by CM Brittan-Powell, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper,  
Town Clerk

### Town Meeting June 9, 2021

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to comment by telephone, Zoom, and email.

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m.** Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Chris Brittan-Powell,

Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, Town Clerk Kerstin Harper, Historical Committee Chair Debby Steele-Snyder and Recreation Council President Susan Jones.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Announcements

Mayor Dewey said there have been complaints about a trash problem at Lake Artemesia due to a lack of trash cans. The Town is aware of the problem and is working with Park & Planning to solve it. In the meantime, visitors to the park are requested to carry their trash out. On the Covid vaccination front, vaccines continue to be widely available, including at local pharmacies, medical offices and at Six Flags. Vaccination is encouraged as there is an increase in more contagious cases due to a Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus.

### Ceremonial Items

**Pride Month Proclamation:** Mayor Dewey read a proclamation celebrating Pride Month and declaring June pride month in the Town of Berwyn Heights.

**Kerstin Harper Retirement Proclamation:** Mayor Dewey read a proclamation marking the retirement of Town Clerk Harper, who has served as Town Clerk since 2003 as well as in a variety of volunteer positions. She extended her best wishes for the next chapter of her life.

Clerk Harper thanked the Council for the honor and delivered a good-bye message to friends and acquaintances in the community where she has lived for nearly 30 years and raised her children.

Susan Jones and Councilmember Chris Brittan Powell thanked Clerk Harper for her service.

### Approval of the Agenda (out of order)

CM Sweep moved, and CM Brittan-Powell seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved 5 to 0.

### Public Hearings

**Ordinance 181-C - FY 2021 CARES Act Budget Amendment:** Mayor Dewey said this budget amendment accounts for funds received via the CARES Act, after the FY 2021 budget was adopted, to compensate the Town and Town businesses for impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

CM Brittan Powell moved, and CM Sweep seconded to open the public hearing. The motion passed 5 to 0. TM Allen elaborated that the Town received \$183,540 in CARES Act funding through Prince George's County. The funds were provided on a reimbursable basis in ac-



cordance with a spending plan approved by the County. The FY 2021 budget needs to be amended to account for receipt of these funds. Budget amendments require two readings, the first of which occurred at the May 12 Town Meeting. The budget amendment would be adopted under Old Business.

No comments were received. On a motion by CM Brittan-Powell, and second by CM Sweep, the Council voted 5 to 0 to close the hearing.

**Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule:** Mayor Dewey said the Council implemented a new process last year, whereby a comprehensive fee & fine schedule and any changes thereto are approved as part of the annual budget process. TM Allen explained that two changes to the fees schedule are proposed for adoption: 1) an increase in the notary fee from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per page to more accurately reflect the amount of staff time taken up by notarization; and 2) a decrease in the returned check fee from \$50.00 to \$35.00 to align it with fees generally charged by banking institutions. The revised schedule would be adopted by resolution under New Business and become effective immediately.

CM Papanikolas moved and CM Brittan Powell seconded to open the public hearing. The motion passed 5 to 0. CM Papanikolas asked why the surcharge for the returned check fee was not caught earlier. TM Allen said she does not know but the recommendation to reduce the fee came from the Police Chief. No comments were received. On a motion by CM Brittan-Powell, and second by CM Papanikolas, the Council voted 5 to 0 to close the hearing.

#### Consent Agenda

CM Sweep moved, and CM Brittan-Powell seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 5 to 0.

#### Mayor's & Councilmember Reports

Mayor Dewey said the coming Monday, she and other Mayors will meet with the County Executive to discuss American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and listen to what others are planning to do with the money. In addition, she will attend a Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) meeting and a Prince George's County Mayor's meeting in the coming weeks. In Covid-19 news, the mask mandate has been lifted at the state and County level, but unvaccinated people are encouraged to continue to wear masks. Businesses may require masks in their establishments. Mayor Dewey also announced a Coffee with Cops event this Friday. The program includes the swearing-in of a new officer.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy announced an upcoming

in-person meeting to discuss the future of the Paint Branch Golf Course. Phase II of the PGCPs school boundaries initiative has started. Everyone is invited to comment on an interim report and 3 scenarios for realigning school boundaries. Further, the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission has begun to hold meetings, at which public input is accepted on State redistricting that occurs after each decennial Census. She attended a redistricting meeting for the Eastern Shore. The meeting for Prince George's County will be held on July 28. The Council might wish to discuss redistricting and its impact on Berwyn Heights at an upcoming worksession.

CM Papanikolas said Clerk Harper was one of the first people he met after moving to Berwyn Heights and that he will be sad to see her leave. In her remaining time, she will train the new Town Clerk, Melanie Friesen, who will start next week.

CM Brittan Powell said he too is sorry to see Clerk Harper go. Further, the Code Department has streamlined the process for responding to concerns about unfair treatment.

CM Sweep reported that the street sweeper will be in Town next week and requested residents to park off the street, if possible. He appreciates the Town collaborating with Park & Planning to get the trash problem at Lake Artemesia resolved. He thanked Clerk Harper for her service and helping him with filing his papers when he first ran for Town Council.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy thanked the Public Works Department for posting new speed limit signs on Pontiac Street and 58th Avenue, as well as putting up speed monitors.

#### Committee Reports

**Education Advisory Committee:** MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that BHEAC co-chair Joanna Whitaker has resigned as her family will go overseas for a time. The BHEAC is currently reviewing applications for 3 BH Community Center STEAM summer camp scholarships the Committee has sponsored. The Berwyn Heights Education Grant applications are now available on the [Town website/ forms page](#). The school year ends on June 15 and drivers are requested to watch out for kids.

**Green Team:** Mayor Dewey reported that the Green Team will meet tomorrow, at which time it will finalize its Trees of Distinction selections. Also on the agenda are Pepco's sustainable communities grant application, the status of the Thriving Earth Exchange project, a debrief of a Route 1 Green Team summit, the adopt-a-block (for litter removal) program, and a possible guided nature walk/ tree identification event.

**Historical Committee:** BHHC Chair Debby Steele Snyder reported that the Historical Committee will next meet virtually on June 23. At its last meeting, the Committee discussed the Town's risk management policy and the accompanying event planning form organizations are to complete before holding an event. The Committee would like to meet with the Town Manager, Mayor and/ or Mayor Pro Tem to discuss access to the museum and support from Town staff following Clerk Harper's departure. Further, the BHHC produced a new oral history video of Howard Johnson on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and came out with a new magnet featuring a historic home. The Committee continues to publish two Berwyn Heights history quiz questions in the monthly Bulletin, with solutions announced in the following issue.

**Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness:** Mayor Dewey reported that the NW/EP Committee discussed goals and priorities, the trailer inventory, and opportunities for training at its June 2 meeting. The Committee expressed interest in participating in National Night Out, if that event is held.

Mayor Dewey also reported that she contacted the Prince George's County's Dispatch System on its non-emergency line (301-352-1200) after receiving a number of complaints about not being able to get through. She noticed that the on-hold music/ message is a repeating voice recording that may give the impression that the caller has been kicked back to the beginning of the menu. However, that is not the case. Callers should continue to hold when the message starts and not hang up. Callers may be on hold for several minutes as the Dispatch Service has been very busy of late.

**Recreation Council:** Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced that there will be Town-wide combination Yard Sale/Craft Sale on June 19. Many residents have already signed up. She continues to be in touch with Park & Planning about holding an outdoor concert at Lake Artemesia in July. A decision about the rental and use of park facilities should forthcoming soon. If a concert cannot be held, the Recreation Council might host a corn hole tournament for outdoor fun.

CM Brittan-Powell and Mayor Dewey remarked that the Council discussed organizing a Town-wide cleanup with next year's yard sale, possibly in partnership with a non-profit that collects used household goods.

**Old Business\Ordinance 181-C – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption of FY 2021 CARES Act Budget Amendment:** Mayor Dewey reiterated that this Ordinance amends the FY 2021 budget



to account for additional revenue the Town received through the CARES Act. She dispensed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading as the Ordinance was read upon introduction.

CM Brittan-Powell moved to adopt Ordinance 181-C. CM Sweep seconded. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked and TM Allen responded that approximately \$100,000 of the CARES Act expenditures listed under the rubric of 'miscellaneous' included hazardous duty pay, computers, personal protective equipment, deep cleaning of facilities, and small business grants. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### New Business

**Resolution 4-2021 – Adoption of Comprehensive Fee & Fine Schedule:** Mayor Dewey said, as explained in the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, two fees were adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the service: the notary fee and the returned check fee.

CM Brittan-Powell moved, and CM Sweep seconded to adopt the Fee and Fine Schedule. MPT Kulpa-Eddy noted that the online agenda packet does not link to the correct document and asked for it to be corrected. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Roadway Condition Report and Recommended Street Projects for FY 2022.** TM Allen explained she asked Public Works Director Hall to review the Town's road condition report from 2017 and update it. The revised report, provided in the agenda packet, ranks street conditions as 'poor' color-coded red, 'fair' color-coded yellow and 'acceptable' color-coded green. The report is intended to inform the Council's funding decisions as to which streets to repair first. The Town is a little behind schedule in making repairs due to the pandemic, the absence of a Public Works Director and lack of Public Works staff.

TM Allen continued that the FY 2022 budget sets aside \$210,000 for road repairs. It is recommended that repairs be made to those streets in poor condition, which make up about 11% of Town streets. This means Town streets are generally in good shape with the remainder either in fair condition (31%) or acceptable condition (56%). The Council is requested to provide feedback on the list of streets to be repaired and direction on drafting a 5-year capital improvement plan (CIP) using the road repair schedule as a basis.

In discussion the following points were made:

Branchville Road needs to be included in the report.

Some data on previous work on particu-

lar streets is missing because it is not known.

1996 was the last time a large-scale road project was financed with bonds.

Potential traffic impacts from the Beltway Plaza redevelopment should be mentioned in the CIP.

CM Sweep moved, and CM Brittan Powell seconded to approve the proposed list of street projects for FY 2022. The motion passed 5 to 0.

CM Brittan-Powell moved, and CM Papanikolas seconded to direct TM Allen to prepare a CIP. CM Brittan-Powell suggested thinking about including a sidewalk when Edmonston Road is resurfaced. Mayor Dewey asked TM Allen to take the Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force (WBBH) recommendations into account when drafting the CIP. The motion passed 5 to 0.

### Resident and Community Comments

MPT Kulpa-Eddy shared some comments she received, including who to report Comcast/ Xfinity wires to that are still dangling from telephone poles (answer: anyone at Town Hall or the Code Department); and whether captions could be added to broadcasts of Council meetings on BHTV (answer: with difficulty, because it would require editing of video files. However, playtimes for specific recordings are listed on the back cover of the Bulletin).

CM Brittan-Powell commented that the Town might have done more outreach to the Seniors and others about how the Town is responding to and reopening from the pandemic.

On a motion by CM Sweep and second by CM Papanikolas, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper,  
Town Clerk

## Worksession Minutes June 21, 2021 | 7:00 pm

This meeting was held by videoconference due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency. The meeting was broadcast on Berwyn Heights cable TV channels and streamed on the Town website. Residents were given the opportunity to join the meeting via Zoom and comment by telephone and email.

Present were Mayor Amanda Dewey, Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Christopher Brittan-Powell, Jason Papanikolas and Ethan Sweep. Also, present were Town Manager (TM) Laura Allen, current Town Clerk Kerstin Harper and newly hired

Town Clerk Melanie Friesen. Andrew Fellows joined for Discussion Item 3A.

### Announcements:

Mayor Dewey wished all a belated Happy Juneteenth and gave a brief history of the Holiday. She asked that TM Allen include an item on July's agenda a discussion on adding a floating holiday for Staff in July as a response to the fact that the Town was unable to close their offices on such short notice in response to President Biden's declaration of the Federal Holiday. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if creating a floating holiday will have budgetary effects as well as if the floating holiday would be scheduled during the fiscal year or the remainder of the calendar year.

Mayor Dewey and TM Allen introduced the new Town Clerk, Melanie Friesen.

Mayor Dewey read the proclamation for National Pollinator Week.

### Approval of Agenda

MPT Kulpa-Eddy moved to approve the agenda. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion, motion approved unanimously.

### Discussion Items

**CCC summary and update:** Andrew Fellows from the University of Maryland joined to discuss Campus Community Connections (CCC). This is the 6<sup>th</sup> and final year of the CCC pilot program. There were 10 initial projects for the program. Since Berwyn Heights involvement with the program and their interest in Civic Engagement, that also became a priority for the University. There are faculty and staff that live in BH that are interested in working on the Invasive Species issues with the Town. They have not been successful in identifying a more local composting site. There were two projects in a row to work on stormwater and flooding and plans to work with Staff and Elected Officials to develop a Fall project around this as well. There will be a summer project that is called the Stormwater-Internet of Things, which will include on and off campus stormwater sensors to help develop a regional way to address stormwater management and flood risk mitigation. Sustainability is interconnected and stormwater is connected to tree canopy which is something that BH has taken a leadership role on. Historic Homes Preservation: there is a department of Preservation at the University and while no projects have been implemented it remains a possibility. Invasive Species is the current project and will be working with TM Allen and volunteer scientists to develop an Invasive Species identification tool or app for removal.

Mayor Dewey asked what the Council can be doing to help. Mr. Fellows suggested that the 10 projects identified in 2016 do

not need to be the only projects that are worked on and that engagement from the Council on any projects would be welcomed.

#### **Composting program update:**

Renewal of the composting contract is coming up. TM Allen shared a chart of compost amounts collected and cost for the Fiscal Year. She invited Council to ask questions before entering contract negotiations with Compost Crew. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if there has been a return of finished material from the Compost Crew. TM Allen will follow up. Mayor Dewey asked about increasing engagement and to see if Compost Crew has any ideas on this. CM Sweep suggested that sending everyone in Town a compost bag and reaching out to the community at large once again would be a good idea. CM Papanikolas asked if the current 4 bins are sufficient or if we actually need to increase the number of bins. TM Allen says she will explore with Compost Crew about the cost of adding a bin if one is needed to hold the waste that is being deposited. Mayor Dewey spoke about curbside composting not being realistic at this time but expresses hope that it may become so in the future. Additionally, she informed Council that Berwyn Heights will be seeing increased Tipping Fees from the County in the near future to “come in line with other jurisdictions”.

#### **WBBH TF Status Report :**

TM Allen reminded Council that \$30,000 was dedicated in FY21 to WBBH. Council identified priority items in previous meetings. Working with the police department and public works, several items have been completed. Items have been quantified as high or low effort. Some items were one and done and were completed. A number of items are in progress. There are items that have not been initiated yet. One item is setting a Town wide speed limit of 20MPH and the speed camera vendor for the Town of Berwyn Heights says that the entirety of the Town falls within the boundaries of what could be considered as a school zone to make this possible. There are four items that TM Allen recommended having a professional traffic study done to determine if these items make sense after having a professional opinion. These items are 1) to institute a direction change of the one-way portion of Seminole St and make Seminole PI a one-way route. 2) Add speed tables around the blind curves after the Greenbelt Rd. overpass in both directions. 3) Create a one-way (westbound only) route for the block of Berwyn Rd between 60<sup>th</sup> and Charlton Ave. Alternative, parking could be limited to the north side of Berwyn Rd so that cars could pass the blind hill safely, which would then also provide space for a protected pedestrian

walkway and allow for bidirectional bicyclist traffic. 4) Construct raised intersections (aka “speed table”) to emphasize the 4-way and 3-way stops at 58<sup>th</sup> Ave, Cunningham Dr. and 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. TM Allen suggested that the Town determine if there is a way to piggyback on a competitively bid traffic engineer. TM Allen recommended that Council allocate the \$30,000 that has been dedicated for FY2022 to WBBH to be spent on the traffic study, which is the amount that she estimated to be the rough cost for the traffic study for the four identified items. If Council determines that they do not want to dedicate the funding to the traffic study, they will either need to pull from reserves or they will need to transfer money from another area to this to complete the study. TM Allen asked Council for questions. CM Brittan-Powell asked if the previous traffic studies that have been done are adequate to answer the questions. TM Allen responded that the studies would not be current enough or have studied areas that are relevant to answer the questions at hand. CM Brittan-Powell asked about cost. TM Allen responded that traffic studies are done on an hourly basis and at rates determined by the skills of staff from the engineering group. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what would be involved in a traffic study. TM Allen said that they will study what we ask them to look at. She expresses concern about changing the one-way road (Seminole Street) would result in having wider issues with traffic pattern. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked for clarification on areas that will be studied, as well as if the study will include taking into consideration the different types of vehicles that utilize the routes. CM Sweep suggested looking at speed tables that address the different sized wheelbases of emergency vehicles so that they would be able to drive without being affected by the speed tables. CM Brittan-Powell wondered if there would be any kind of compensation or consideration for residents that are inconvenienced by the changes in the one-way. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked about if the study would come from this budget year or next. TM Allen clarified that this would likely be the entirety of the FY2022 budget for this line item. CM Papanikolas commented that most of the “low hanging fruit” of projects have been completed and asked if a traffic study could clarify what projects should be done and if the proposed approaches are the best approach or if there is a better way to address the problems. TM Allen agreed that a traffic study could clarify the direction of the projects. TM Allen noted that many of the other pending projects will cost staff time, rather than having expenditures and so that progress can be made on those without effecting the budget. CM Brittan-Powell wondered if

consideration will be given to the firm that did the previous traffic study. TM Allen said that they do have a good reputation, but that she would be looking to piggyback on a recently competitively bid traffic study contract. Mayor Dewey confirmed there is consensus that TM Allen should continue to pursue the feasibility of conducting traffic study. TM Allen wanted to credit Public Works with all that they have done so quickly to implement the projects so far.

#### **ARPA update and engagement process:**

Mayor Dewey introduced the item by saying that TM Allen and MPT Kulpa-Eddy have been attending many webinars on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). TM Allen walked Council through a presentation on the Plan. TM Allen clarified that the Town has gone through the process to request funding. The Town will be required to submit reports annually through December of 2026. The Town is required to keep records on ARPA for 5 years. TM Allen continued to clarify the role of the State of Maryland on the funding. TM Allen said that the Town is taking steps to adjust the sweep accounts to maximize the interest earned on the funds. The funding cannot be more than 75% of the operating budget as of Jan. 2020. TM Allen went over the ineligible uses for the funds, 1) to offset tax cuts 2) deposit into pension or rainy-day funds 3) fund debt service, legal settlements, or matching funds on other grant requests. 4) general infrastructure spending unless under the revenue provision. Eligible expenses are 1) Addressing Negative Economic Impacts and Public Health Response, including mitigation and prevention activities, medical expenses for care and services, behavioral health care, public health and safety staff payroll and benefits, and activities to address the disparities in public health outcomes. 2) Revenue Loss- this involves a detailed calculation that compares actual pandemic era revenue to estimate of revenue as if the pandemic had not occurred. It is under this provision that the funding can be used for general infrastructure. 3) Premium pay 4) Water, sewer, stormwater, and broadband infrastructure. TM Allen emphasized the importance of making a case for funding, including soliciting community input, considering Council Action/ or resolutions, to think about how the project would be described on the front page of the local newspaper, to explain why the use of the funds in necessary, find the harm/need you are looking to address and determine how the expenditure would address the harm/need. TM Allen opened the floor to questions. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked if the information requested by the State had been submitted to meet the June 30, 2021. TM Allen confirmed that

while the Town has not received final confirmation, the submission was in before the deadline. MPT Kulpa-Eddy expressed that there is concern that the guidance still isn't clear on what projects are eligible. TM Allen stated that this is wording of the interim final guidance, that questions are still open until July 16<sup>th</sup>. TM Allen said there are some really interesting projects that we can do regarding Stormwater but wants to make sure of the reporting requirements. Mayor Dewey stated that the guidance is intentionally broad and would like the Town to keep it broad and not overly limit ourselves. Mayor Dewey began the conversation regarding community engagement. First would be broad education regarding what are the eligible categories are and then engaging the community in a wide variety of ways. Mayor Dewey would like a survey in the July e-newsletter of broad categories, then in August put the survey in the full Bulletin and then if there is an in-person National Night Out event, to include some sort of engagement and education during that event, then again in the e-newsletter. In September, conduct a follow up survey to narrow down from the broad use categories, signs and on-line link at Pops Park and other locations directing to an online survey. MPT Kulpa-Eddy had concerns about having enough information in July to do an online survey and wants to push back the survey a month. She had further concerns that stormwater isn't outlined in allowable uses. TM Allen said that Treasury has provided guidance that stormwater is an allowable expense. MPT Kulpa-Eddy commented that relying on the e-newsletter and online surveys leaves out a portion of the community that do not receive their information online. Mayor Dewey said that this is a very good point and suggested that in September or October we do a special worksession or live event to make sure all residents have an opportunity to engage the process. Mayor Dewey encouraged Council to engage residents individually to ensure all portions of the population are reached. Mayor Dewey said the next step is the online survey and offered to work with TM Allen to create the survey.

#### **Gun Prevention Partner donation request:**

Mayor Dewey received an email request for a donation from States Attorney Braveboy's office for a donation for gun violence prevention. MPT Kulpa-Eddy asked what the donation will be used for as the event that is referenced has already taken place. Mayor Dewey said the County is starting a campaign about gun violence. MPT Kulpa-Eddy had concerns that money donated won't actually benefit Town residents, that the money will benefit other communities. CM Sweep agreed in part, but also stated that gun violence is an issue that effects a

broad swath of the population and would support sending a donation. MPT Kulpa-Eddy wondered why the County isn't funding this in full. Mayor Dewey said she was unable to attend the event and is willing to take questions- CM Sweep wanted to know what their plans are beyond Gun Violence Awareness Month. CM Papanikolas said he has done some research to try and determine what the money is for and was unable to find answers. He had concerns that this is a sensitive political issue. Mayor Dewey will contact the representative at the office for more details and report back.

#### **MML summer conference:**

Mayor Dewey, MPT Kulpa-Eddy, CM Sweep, and TM Allen will be attending in person, with CM Brittan-Powell and CM Papanikolas attending virtually in July. Details and sessions were discussed ensuring that representatives of the Town are attending a broad variety of sessions and that most of the offered sessions will be attended by at least one member of the Council or Staff.

#### **Department Reports**

Mayor Dewey congratulated the Recreation Council on the yard/craft sale. Climate action meeting for PG County on Thursday, seeking input from residents on climate change issues. There was an incident at the Hockey Rink several months ago of racist graffiti. She wanted to acknowledge it publicly and let the community know that it is in the jurisdiction of Park and Planning and they are investigating but do not anticipate that there will be any satisfactory results from the investigation. She also wanted to thank everyone who attended the Coffee with a Cop event. Finally, Mayor Dewey wanted to highlight some relief funding from Pepco. It will be an automatic credit, but Pepco will be calling eligible people to inform them.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy also attended Coffee with a Cop and thought it went well. She has been attending many webinars on ARPA. She also attended the PG CMA meeting on June 17 virtually; their biggest concern is the moratorium on evictions ending on July 1<sup>st</sup>, especially with federal pandemic unemployment benefits ending July 3<sup>rd</sup>. She encouraged residents to reach out if they are in need so that they can be connected with County and State programs that can help them. PG County Executive opened up registration for the Alsobrooks Passport Experience for youth ages 12-18 a variety of activities to choose from this summer. Residents can access a Google doc where they can see the full list of activities and then can register at Eventbrite.com for just \$20 Registered youth must pick up their passport at

the Sports and Learning Complex on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Seniors Club there is a meeting tomorrow at 11AM open to all vaccinated seniors registered with Town Hall. The Historical Committee is meeting virtually Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm, discussing the digital walking tour and possibility of remaking the Berwyn Heights Museum. The Recreation Council is meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM discussing a potential Town Social to be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 to be held at the Berwyn Heights Community Center on Pontiac Street. Neighborhood Watch is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Green Team is the week after that. The Educational Advisory Committee is not meeting this month. Their next meeting is July 26<sup>th</sup>. They did have 3 students that received scholarships to attend the STEAM Camp at the Community Center. The Educational Grant Request is on the Town website and round one proposal questions are due by July 20<sup>th</sup>, with completed applications due August 15<sup>th</sup>.

CM Papanikolas welcomed the new Town Clerk and welcomed a Scout from Troop 2016 attending the worksession to meet merit badge requirements.

CM Brittan-Powell has received a few complaints that code officers have come on to property, especially backyards, without permission and will be sharing that with the head of Code. Mayor Dewey asked that CM Brittan-Powell include TM Allen in discussions with Code.

CM Sweep asked if there are any updates about the trash cans at Lake Artemesia. Mayor Dewey reports that TM Allen had been back and forth with Park and Planning and that the reduction of trash cans is a result of trash can cleaning as well as reducing the carbon footprint. The Green Team spent some time at the Lake at various times and it does appear that the trash problem seems to be resolving, except on the island area. CM Sweep expressed concern that there are no pet waste receptacles either. CM Brittan-Powell noted at this point that there are several dead and dying trees in Sports Park area that have been marked for removal.

**Resident & Community Comments:** No Resident or Community Comments.

**Adjournment** MPT Kulpa-Eddy made the motion to adjourn. CM Sweep seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:24PM.

Signed: *Melanie Friesen*, Town Clerk

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## Historical Committee

### HISTORY QUIZ , CONTINUED

Two more clues:

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Then and now it is a place for children. Where was St. Ann's?

#### Solutions to June Bulletin Quiz Questions:

The O'Dea house at 5804 Ruatan St. is the only house in Berwyn Heights on the National Historic Register. Built in 1888 it is Shoppell design #261.

Ms. Washington, who is a founding member of Daughters of the American Revolution, is the niece of George and Martha Washington.

### NEXT MEETING

**September 22, 2021 | 7:30 PM**

Election of Officers

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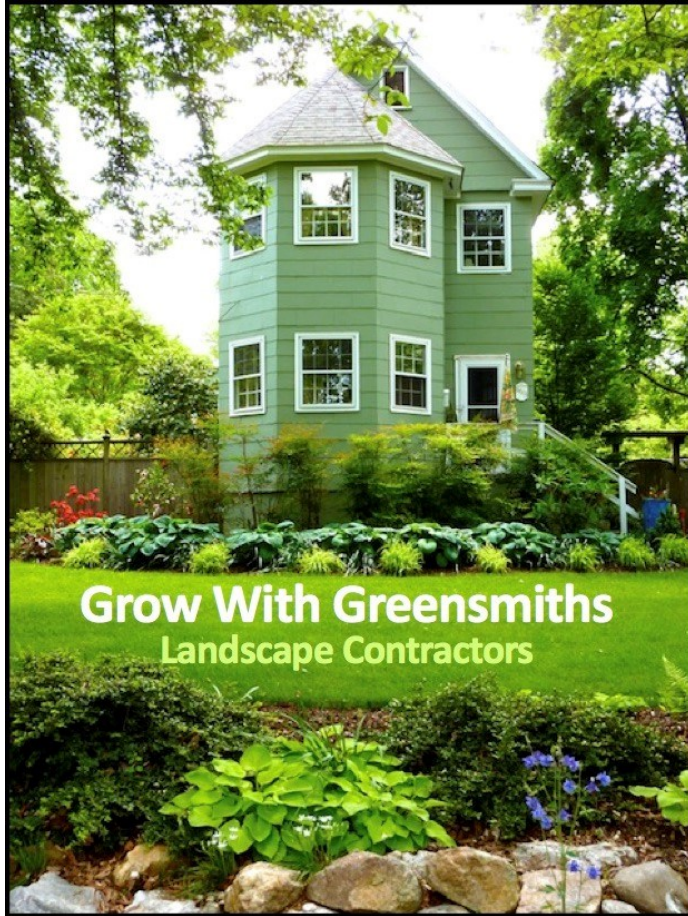
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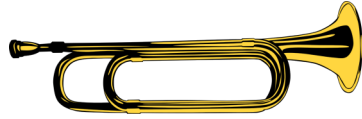


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# The Bugle

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Website: [www.berwynheightsbgc.org](http://www.berwynheightsbgc.org)



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Source: [arborday.org/trees/treetfacts](https://arborday.org/trees/treetfacts)

**Berwyn Heights Shade Tree Board**

**Next meeting: August 12th, 2021, 7 pm, Virtual meeting**

**Contact: Amanda Dewey, [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)**



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August 23 2021 | 7:00 pm**

Are you interested in aspects of education and learning? Do you have interest in early childhood education, K-12 education, homeschooling, or adult learning? Come chat with the Education Advisory Committee! The next meeting is Monday, August 23 at 7p.

Contact [allison@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:allison@alumni.nd.edu) for more information.

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The deadline for the Berwyn Heights Education Grant Application is rapidly approaching . Round 1 applications are due by August 15th. Scan the QR code to access the application online. Paper copies are also available at Town Hall.



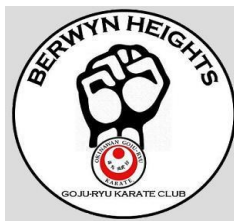
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On Friday, July 2, 2021 of Waltersville; Terrapin Club administrative assistant; beloved 60 year wife of Thomas G. Delaney; mother of Kenneth Delaney (Aimee) Baltimore and Duane Delaney (Holly Davies) Canton, OH; grandmother of Christopher, Brian, Max and Nate; sister of Beverly Kneessi Jacksonville, FL and the late Colleen Royce; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins. Service and interment, private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20W. Patrick St., Frederick MD 21701. E Expressions of sympathy may be offered at [www.staufferfuneralhome.com](http://www.staufferfuneralhome.com)

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# Berwyn Heights Rec. Council

## Summer Concerts are Back!



**Thursday, August 5th, 6-8pm**

**Free, Live Music at Lake Artemesia**

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Stay tuned for more concerts and upcoming activities including a possible Concert / Ice Cream Social in September at Sports Park (Date & Band TBA) and our Trunk or Treat Event in October!

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday August 4th at 7pm in person in the G. Love Room (next to the Senior Center) or via zoom. We will return to our normal schedule of the 1st Tuesday of the month for September. To join in or share ideas about**

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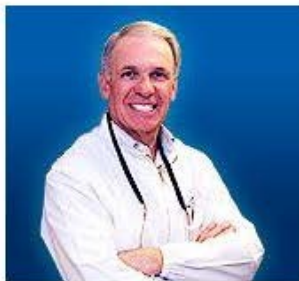
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# BERWYN HEIGHTS

## Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc.

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*In Case of Emergency Call 911!*

### Recent Working Incidents

June 24th: Ladder Truck 14 and Ambulance 14 were alerted to the 8900Blk of 56th Ave in Berwyn Heights for reports of a house on fire. Company 14 arrived to find a small fire on the back deck, which was extinguished, and units checked for extension into the house.

June 27th: Rescue Squad 14B was dispatched as the Technical Rescue Support Unit for industrial farm accident in the Glenn Dale for a worker whose leg was trapped under a mini skidsteer. With the heavy rains that had come through the area in the days prior, conditions were more difficult to operate on due to the soft and wet soil. BHVFD operated for approximately 45 minutes and were able to extricate the patient.

June 28th: Ladder Truck 14 was alerted as the 3rd due Special Service to the 3400 block of Morlock Lane in Bowie for reports of smoke in the house. Units from Bowie VFD arrived to find a two story single family home with fire showing, and requested the working fire dispatch.

July 8th: Truck 14 was alerted to the 6300blk of Cheswold Pl in Lanham for the reported house fire. BHVFD volunteers arrived to find a fire in the basement with hoarding conditions, and conducted searches, opened up the walls to expose the fire, and controlled utilities.

July 8th: Rescue Squad 14 was alerted to assist units in the 3200Blk of Powder Mill in Beltsville with an overturned vehicle with the driver trapped. Montgomery County Squad 715 (Burtonsville) was on scene but could not get the driver out. The volunteer crew from BHVFD took over the extrication, removed two doors and lifted the vehicles with rescue airbags to remove the drive.

July 13th: Truck 14 and its volunteer crew was alerted on the Working Fire Dispatch to assist units with a working apartment fire in the 11200Blk of Evans Trail in Beltsville. Upon arrival BHVFD split crews operating on the 1st and 2nd floors conducting searches, opening up, and controlling utilities.

July 13th: Rescue Squad was dispatched to NB Balt Wash Pkway at Laurel Bowie Rd for an accident with the driver trapped. The volunteer crew arrived and quickly extricated the driver who was transported to a trauma center with life-threatening injuries. While returning, the Squad was alerted to another accident on the Parkway NB at Greenbelt Rd. Co 14 arrived and extricated the trapped driver.

### Part-Time Position Open

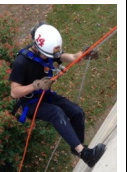


The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is currently seeking applicants for a part-time Recruitment & Retention Coordinator position. This position is funded by the Department's FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants program. The applicant would work with the Department's leadership and membership committee to actively recruit and retain volunteer firefighters.

Please email [ksnyder@bhvfd14.org](mailto:ksnyder@bhvfd14.org) for additional information and how to apply.

### Berwyn Heights VFD's Technical Rescue Team

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department is one of the only volunteer specialty-rescue teams in the region, and the only volunteer Technical Rescue Team in the County. There are three Technical Rescue Teams in Prince George's County located in the northern, central, and southern areas of the County: Fort Washington Co 47 (PGFD Career Staffed), Springdale/Largo Station 6 (PGFD Staffed), and Berwyn Heights Co 14 (Volunteer Staffed). These companies respond to all specialty rescue within and outside the County, including but not limited to: Confined Space, High Angle/Rope Rescue, Trench, Swift Water, and Collapse Rescue calls.



Berwyn Heights VFD became a Technical Rescue Support Company in 2010. Our volunteer members complete advanced trainings in all the different specialty rescues, and we are dispatched as necessary to technical rescue calls County-wide. As a result of BHVFD's rescue capabilities, we have been instrumental in numerous advanced operations including several high-profile roller coaster rescues at Six Flags America that received national attention, the construction trench collapse rescue at the Greenbelt Lake, and many more.





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**UNDER CONTRACT-6102 Ruatan St cape 3BR2 BA \$359,900.**

**PENDING-6100 Westchester Pk 3BR2 BA hi rise living\$215K.**

**UNDER CONTRACT-5717 Ruatan St 6BR1.5 BA Queen Anne Victorian one of the oldest in BH, 4FP, wrap porch\$450k.**

**NEW LISTING- 6220 Seminole Pl 3 BR 2 BA Rambler, w/ in law apt \$410K.**

If your property is currently listed with another broker, this is not a solicitation of that listing.







## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

VIRTUAL MEETINGS 1st WED of month CHAIRS: Joan Hayden,

**Join us August 4, 7pm. To participate contact BHPD at 301-474-6554**

Or email [mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mmurales@berwynheightsmd.gov)

### ARE YOU PREPARED?

What would you do if a police officer came pounding on your door and told you get out now - don't worry about taking anything with you – GET OUT - GET OUT NOW!!!!!! A cousin living in Oregon had this happen to her. If a natural disaster were to happen here in Berwyn Heights, would you be prepared? Would you know what steps to take? What do you do with your pets? Would you know who to call for assistance if a tree fell on your house or an electric line came down in your front yard? This actually happened to me – I was on the phone with PEPCO when the electric line popped and came apart – one side fell against the outside of the house; the other side fell across the street and across the fence in my yard. The person from PEPCO kept telling me if the situation gets worse call 911 and GET OUT!!!!!! I ended up calling the Town of Berwyn Heights Police Department (who contacted Public Works) and they put a roadblock up until PEPCO came out and fixed the line a while later. My pet was kept inside during this entire incident since the power line (220 volts) was still live. When things like this happen, they are totally unexpected, you do not have a lot of time to think. In the event that something should happen, do you have an emergency bag packed and ready to go? Some items to consider are prescriptions, clothes, and other such items. If the A/C or the Heat goes out due to a power outage, do you know where to go? In the past, the senior center was to be used as a cooling/heating center and was the place to go so everyone knew each other were safe. We always think it cannot happen to us BUT it can!!!!!! SO, BE PREPARED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### BACK TO SCHOOL IS APPROACHING FAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our students will be returning to school soon...Please watch out for our children walking, riding bikes, and taking the bus (standing at the bus stop). Please obey the speed limit and the stop signs!!!!!! Please watch for stopped buses!!!!!! Help us to keep our students safe!!!!!!!!!!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!!!!

NW/EP

**Join the NW/EP group to learn how to keep your families and friends safe in an emergency.**

Contact us: Joan Hayden [jimosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jimosley45@gmail.com); Randy Fortwengler [bhnwep53@aol.com](mailto:bhnwep53@aol.com)



## June Incidents

### Thursday June 3, 2021 at 12:50 pm, 'WARRANT SERVICE.'

On 06/03/2021 at 12:50 pm, Cpl. Rufino and Pvt. Herriott conducted a warrant service in the 8900 block of Edmonston Road. 35 Y/O, Latino male, Jose Leonel Zacarias was arrested for an outstanding warrant. He was transported to the PG DOC without incident.

### Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm, 'PG CHIEFS AWARD CEREMONY.'

Officers from the BHPD attended the annual Prince George's County Police Chiefs Award located in Upper Marlboro, MD. The following awards were given to: 2019-2020 Civilian Award of the Year – Ms. Mercy Muralles and PSA Lt. M. Ayana, 2020 Officer of the Year award – Cpl. C. Rufino, 2020 Investigator of the Year – Det. S. Krouse, and 2019 Community Officer of the Year – Cpl. T. Hollowell. We appreciate the opportunity to recognize our officers, detective and staff for their hard work and dedication to our residents, merchants and visitors of the Town.

### Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm, 'WATER MAIN BREAK.'

A water main break occurred in the 5900 blocks of Natasha Drive. WSSC has been notified. The road may be closed off temporarily.

### Friday, June 25, 2021 at 1:30 pm, 'Congratulation and Farewell Kerstin'

I just wanted to take this moment to let you know what a pleasant time it was working with someone like you and to say goodbye. It has been an honor working with a wonderful person like you these past several years. I wish you the best of luck and continued success wherever you may find yourself. You've been so dependable, supportive, encouraging, and honest during your time with the Town. We were so fortunate to have you not only as a colleague but

certainly as a friend. I am wishing you the best in this next phase of your journey. Congratulations, and best of luck!

### Friday, June 25, 2021 at 5:39 pm, 'FRAUD'

The victim contacted the police to report that she was the victim of a "scam". The victim reports that she was at the Lowe's Home improvement store located at 7710 Riverdale RD New Carrollton MD at which time she was approached by an unknown male asking her if she was interested in "helping people" in the community. The man who identified himself as being from South Africa was wearing a suit and displayed to her what she thought was a large sum of currency. She said she was interested, and another man approached. The other man who she says was from Trinidad said he was interested as well. The victim reports that they said she must show "trust" to help dispense the large amount of money and she gave them (both) a ride to the SECU (credit union) located at 6011 Greenbelt RD Berwyn Heights MD. The victim reports that she gave them \$1,000.00 from the SECU and another \$400.00 from the Bank of America across the street (6038 Greenbelt RD). The suspects fled after obtaining the monies. This call was taken via land line. Det Krouse notified.

### Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm, 'ANIMAL BITE/EXPOSURE REPORT'

27 Y/O, female while walking in the 6000 blocks of Osage was bitten on her legs by a Lab/mix that was at large. The dog's owner was on scene and quarantine was advised.

### Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 10:45 am, 'FOUND BB GUN'

Sgt Roberson #1445 responded to 5701 Greenbelt Rd Berwyn Heights, for a report of an unknown type of gun discarded in the parking lot. Contact was made with an employee of "My eye Dr." at that location who directed this officer to the abandon item. The item is a Daisy toy B-B gun (non functional). The item (not a firearm) was recovered, photographed, and destroyed.

Homicide = 00 | Rape = 00 | Robbery = 00 | Assault = 00 | Burglary = 00 | Larceny/Theft = 00 | Stolen Auto = 00

JUNE	CITATIONS
STATE	1
TOWN	79
WARNINGS	4
SERO	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>



## PUBLIC SAFETY NIGHT IN 7:00 PM

**Join Berwyn Heights Police Department and BHVFD for Safety Night IN parade on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021!**

**Join us on your front lawns with noise makers and glow sticks. The parade will follow the Santa route. Please make sure to practice social distancing.**

**¡Únase al Departamento de Policía de Berwyn Heights y BHVFD para el desfile de Noche de Seguridad el 3 de agosto de 2021!**

**Únase a nosotros en sus jardines delanteros con dispositivos de sonido y barras luminosas. El desfile seguirá la ruta de Santa. ¡Asegúrate de practicar el distanciamiento!**

## BULLETIN BOARD

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**Need Yard Help?** Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents

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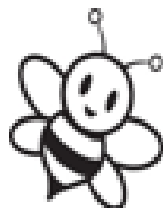
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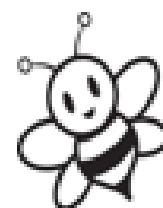
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# Berwyn Heights GreenBee



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Website: [www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com](http://www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam](https://www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam)

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (last Zoom!)  
All residents are welcome to attend. Please email Mayor Dewey for ZOOM information.



Some people are thinking about vacation after being in lockdown for the pandemic. daily emissions dropped 17% below 2019's average. We would like to help you with some tips on how to be green even while you are enjoying yourself when you are away

## Ideas for a greener home when away

### Eco-Proof:

- Adjust your water heater to its lowest setting
- Turn off any running appliances
- Unplug all electronics: Lamps, televisions, toasters, computers, and even your cell phone charger will use power even when they aren't in use.
- Save trees - suspend your newspaper service for the duration of your trip

## Ideas for a greener vacation

### Transportation:

- Non-stop flights reduces fuel used
- Forget the high-end car rental: walk, bike, or public transportation. If you have to have a car pick a fuel-efficient car.
- Choose eco-friendly destinations
- Reuse your towels and sheets
- Travel with reusable bottles & mugs
- Spend mealtime at local, independently owned restaurants



National Honeybee Awareness Day

Every third Saturday of August since 2009, this year it falls on August 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the honeybee by promote honey and to encourage educational programs. We appreciate all hard-working honeybees. They produce honey that we enjoy, & they are vital to the pollination of a wide array of our fruits & vegetables.

Did you know that bees have to travel 55,000 miles to produce just one pound of honey? To get that pound of honey, those bees need to gather nectar from two million flowers. A single bee will gather just a 1/2 teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.

This is the PERFECT time to learn how pesticides can destroy the honeybee population along with many other pollinators. Inform your neighbors that may be spraying to deter insects in their yard....they may not know the dangers of pesticides.

**\*\*Want to volunteer at any events? Please email us at [bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com](mailto:bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com)\*\***



# CODE COMPLIANCE

## Covid-19 Operations

Please note, the Code Compliance Department continues to operate with modified procedures in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, as follows:

- Rental inspections cancelled until further notice;
- Rental license application due dates and applicable fees remain the same, but must be submitted via e-mail to [Code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:Code@berwynheightsmd.gov) or by U.S. mail with check or money order;
- All other license applications (building, roll-off, POD and right-of-way permits), must be submitted by e-mail to [Code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:Code@berwynheightsmd.gov) or by U.S. mail;
- All payments for licenses & permits, fees & fines must be submitted by U.S. mail to 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights MD 20740. Drop-off payments are not accepted.

For additional information please call the Code Compliance Department at 301-513-9331.

## Firewood and Wood Storage

If you are storing wood for fire or other purposes on your property, please ensure that it is kept off the ground. This will help prevent rotting and creation of hiding places for termites, rodents, and other insect infestation.

**Section 4. H of Town Ordinance 107- Clean Lot** permits the storage of wood on the premises, as long as it is elevated at least 6 inches above the ground. This applies for organic compost piles and other similar materials as well.

There are numerous ways to store wood and firewood. You may use a log bin or rack made of steel or another non-wooden material. A firewood cover may also be used to protect your wood from rain or snow. It is best to store wood outdoors and not directly up against your home. Stack wood neatly with cut ends exposed to help keep dry.



## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

### BH Elementary School PTA

President: Marilyn King  
[President@BHESPTA.org](mailto:President@BHESPTA.org)

Vice President: Sarah Jacobson & Kimberly Bills  
Treasurer: Lilly Ridge

### Boys & Girls Club

President: Brandon Batton  
[bhbqc2019@gmail.com](mailto:bhbqc2019@gmail.com)

Vice President: Jeremy Weiss  
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Registrar: Tiffany Papanikolas  
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Treasurer: Sandra Zuniga  
Secretary: Shantel Williams  
Athletic Director: Vacant  
Fundraising Chair: Brandi Cowgill

### Education Advisory Committee

Chair: Allison Holmes  
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### Green Team/ Shade Tree Board

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### Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness

Co-Chair: Joan Hayden  
[jjmosley45@gmail.com](mailto:jjmosley45@gmail.com)

Co-Chair: Randy Fortwengler  
[bhnwep53@aol.com](mailto:bhnwep53@aol.com)

### Karate Club

Leon Swain 301-728-2881  
Brett Bentley 240-678-9103  
[Brett.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:Brett.bentley@gmail.com)

### Quilter's Club

Coordinator: Janet Freitag  
[quilttag1@yahoo.com](mailto:quilttag1@yahoo.com)


















### Recreation Council

President: Susan Jones  
[violindreams@verizon.net](mailto:violindreams@verizon.net)

### Seniors Club

Ray Smith 301-474-3482

# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  7:00 PM Worksession Virtual 	3  	4 	5 	6	7
8	9 	10 	11  7:00 PM Town Meeting Virtual 	12 	13	14
15	16  7:00 PM Worksession Virtual 	17 	18 	19 	20	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27	28
29	30 	31 	1 	2 	3	4

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
North-side Collection



Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste  
South-side Collection



Recycling  
Recycling Collection



# BERWYN HEIGHTS BULLETIN

**TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS**  
**5700 Berwyn Road**  
**Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740-2799**

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### TOWN INFORMATION

#### Town of Berwyn Heights Phone Nos.

Emergency - Fire & Rescue ..... 9-1-1  
 Police (Non-Emergency) ..... (301) 352-1200  
 Police Administrative Office ..... (301) 474-6554  
 Code Compliance Department ..... (301) 513-9331  
**Email: [code@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:code@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
 Public Works Department ..... (301) 474-6897  
**Email: [publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
 Fire Department ..... (301) 474-7886  
 Senior Center ..... (301) 474-0018  
 Community Center (Gym) ..... (301) 345-2808  
 Town Office ..... (301) 474-5000  
 Office Hours: MON - FRI 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Call-a-Bus Reservations ..... (301) 513-9331

#### Mayor and Council

Amanda Dewey (443) 646-3529 [adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:adewey@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Mayor — Public Health & Safety  
 Jodie Kulpa-Eddy (301) 345-1516 [jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Mayor Pro Tem — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs  
 Christopher Brittan-Powell (240) 786 2578 [cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:cbrittanpowell@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Councilmember — Administration  
 Jason Papanikolas (240) 338-5191 [jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:jpapanikolas@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Councilmember — Code Compliance  
 Ethan Sweep (218) 280-2273 [esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:esweep@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Councilmember — Public Works  
 Laura Allen — (301) 474-5000 [lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:lallen@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Town Manager

#### Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays  
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

**Heavy Trash Day:**  
 Monday for North of Pontiac  
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

**Recycling Schedule:**  
 Wednesdays for the entire Town

#### Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?  
 Email Town at  
[contact@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:contact@berwynheightsmd.gov)  
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly and in confidence.

#### Watch Council Meetings



**On Comcast channel 71**  
**FIOS channel 12**

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.  
 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.  
 3rd most recent mtg:  
 Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

**Town of Berwyn Heights Website:** <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

**Questions — call Melanie Friesen, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email [mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:mfriesen@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
**Advertising Rates — call Yvonne Odoi, Administration at 301-474-5000, or email: [yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov](mailto:yodoi@berwynheightsmd.gov)**  
**Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month**